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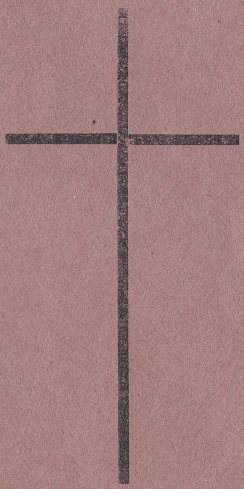

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M E S S E N G E R

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As usual the editor has decided to go on his annual holiday, leaving the poor typist to edit the 'Messenger.'

However, having finally passed his 'Driving Test' we will allow him to use this for his excuse for making immediate arrangements to chauffeur the 'Royle' family to their Yorkshire destination.

We congratulate him on his recent achievement, and after having got all the family pets safely boarded out for two weeks, we wish him a safe journey and a good holiday.

.....D.E.

SEPTEMBER

1972

Dear Friends,

It has been said that the ministry of the church is every layman's job. I'm sure that this is a very fitting remark in relation to the situation we find ourselves in at the present.

The best tribute we can pay our late minister, the Revd. Glyn Jenkins, is to continue the work that he started within our joint pastorate, to seek to do it to the best of our ability, not counting the cost, but going forward into a future which I consider is one that will be challenging and demanding and also rewarding.

Let us all take a fresh look at ourselves as committed Christians. The use of our time and talents in our Lord's service and in the service of our church are things which we should take a good look at first of all, and see if we have got our priorities right.

The responsibility for the central organisation is now firmly in our hands and with God's guidance we can do great things together. - I trust that we shall not be found lacking.

May I ask for your support in continuing to attend worship each Sunday, and also supporting, by your attendance, the Church Meeting.

The deacons of our church are always available for information and help, please contact them if you feel you have any need.

With every blessing,

Allan Roberts

HOLY BAPTISM

MICHAEL SIMPSON, son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Simpson of 34 Newall Street, Littleborough, was baptised on Sunday August 13th at Littleborough Congregational Church, the Revd. Glyn Jenkins officiating.

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OBITUARY

JOHN GASCOIGNE of 18 Peel Street, Littleborough, who passed away on 3rd August. The funeral was on Tuesday 8th August, the Revd. Glyn Jenkins officiating. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gascoigne and the family.

CHARLOTTE CROSS of 86 Bentgate Street, Newhey, who passed away on the 4th August aged 79 years. The funeral service was conducted by our minister on the 9th August, with a service at St.Stephen's and at the Crematorium. Miss Cross was a church member at St. Stephen's. Our sympathy is extended to her brother, Mr. T. Cross and his wife.

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CONGRATULATION and Best Wishes to:

Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths of 4B Wellington Street, Milnrow, for their "GOLDEN WEDDING" on Saturday 2nd September. Mrs. Griffiths is a regular attender at our morning service, and is a member of the Women's Guild.

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Of you are at home on Thursday, 5th October.... ..... watch the inauguration ceremony of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH at Westminster Chapel on B.B.C.2.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH MEMBERS

The following Junior Church members were received in at Littleborough on Sunday July 23rd:

Karen Schofield
Justine Rigg
Vivian Williams

The following adults were received into church membership at Sunday August 13th:

Mrs. J. Grindrod of 40 Ealees Road.
Mrs. Ivy Windsor of 9 Greengate Close.
Mrs. B. Hartley of 28 Newall Street.
Mrs. N. Clayton of 42 Littledale St. Rochdale.

Mrs. D. Mallinson's name was accepted by the church meeting for membership, but was unable to be present, due to holiday commitments on August 13th.

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INDUCTION OF DEACONS

On Sunday August 6th at ST. STEPHEN'S:

Mrs. Mildred Howarth of 44 Beechfield Road.

On Sunday August 13th at LITTLEBOROUGH:

Mr. J. Lord of 27 Millgate.
Mr. F. Ingham of 27 Norman Road, Rochdale.

We welcome these people into office with our good wishes and support.

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THE CHURCHES SAY GOOD-BYE

The schoolroom at St. Stephen's was packed on Saturday evening 19th August, when the Milnrow and Littleborough churches came together for a joint social evening to mark the end of the pastorate of the Revd. Glyn Jenkins. During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. Jenkins on behalf of both churches by Mr. Allan Roberts, who paid tribute to the valuable service which Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had given to the churches.

The gratitude of the Bury and Rochdale Lay Preachers Association was also expressed by Mrs. Edith Gillon, who presented Mr. Jenkins with a book on their behalf.

The Littleborough and Milnrow churches united again at St. Stephen's on Sunday, 20th August for the farewell services conducted by the minister. Holy Communion was celebrated during the evening service.

Glyn and Sheila will be missed in every section of the church and community, and we trust they will be as happy at Dursley as they have been here.

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Sept. 3rd	The Young Church in Action	Acts 3: 1 - 10
10th	The Young Church Learning	Acts 11: 1 - 18
17th	The Young Church Faces Peril	Acts 16: 16 - 25
24th	The Young Church tells its secret	Acts 4: 5 - 13

PROMOTION SUNDAY

The traditional prize giving for regular attendance came to an end last year, when each child on the register was presented with a book; the juniors and seniors receiving a copy of "Good News for Modern Man".

Books will now be presented on Promotion Sunday to children attending at present, as they move up to a new department. This will take place within the Junior Church on October 8th.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

Holiday slides and two cine films: "The Queen's visit to Milnrow" and "Pilgrimage to Blackstone Edge" were shown at the August meeting of the Women's Guild, when the arranged programme had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

This was the last meeting over which Mrs. Jenkins presided. She was warmly thanked for her work for the Guild over the past years, by Mrs. Mildred Howarth, who also presented her with the gift of a handbag and gloves on behalf of the members.

Mrs. Edith Gillon has agreed to act as President until the annual meeting in January.

A talk on Fire Prevention will take place at the next meeting which will be on October 3rd.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Cleaner required for St. Stephen's.
Will anyone interested please see the church secretary, Mr. Allan Roberts, for details.

A DEACON PRAYS

You called me, God, (didn't you?)

You called me to be a Deacon, or so I must trust, because I don't think you use ghostly voices much now, so your call had to be through all the people who said I should.....

So help me to be a Deacon.....
I'm not even very good at being a member,
or at being a person, come to that.....
So help me, God, you called me (I trust)....

That boy in the back row whispered, all smiles, when I finished my side first with the collection plate - 'You've won!'

God - he sees the Offering as a race!
What must the rest of how we worship seem?
Maybe I could start some thinking with the rest about our style of life together; maybe we could do exciting things in worship here..... and maybe they'll think I'm odd.....so help me God....
You called me, didn't you?

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A PRAYER

O God, we know that you have never failed or forgotton us, so give us grace to continue in faith, with the same courage as the man who said these words -

> 'O Lord God, when Thou givest thy servants to endeavour in any great matter, grant us to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory.....'

.....Congregation Prayer Fellowship Handbook

G H A N A

SIZE; 420 miles from north to south * 300 miles wide.

PEOPLE: There are about 8½ million.

GOLD, IVORY AND SLAVES - In ancient times Ghana was well known for its gold and ivory. Arab traders brought it to Europe, Later Europeans themselves came to the Gold Coast, as it was then called, and set up trading posts. The Potuguese built the first fort there in 1482. The slave trade began soon afterwards. By 1700 slaves were being shipped in large numbers to plantations and mines of America, and many British were amongst those engaged in the trade. By 1833 slavery was abolished in all British territories. To stop the trade in the Gold Coast the British took control of many forts which had previously been manned by other European people. The Gold Coast became a colony in 1874.

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY - Britain granted full independence to Ghana in 1957. Ghana now has a President, Prime Minister and an assembly of men elected by the people to govern.

HOW GHANAIANS EARN A LIVING - About 70 out of 100 people are farmers. The most valuable crop is cocoa which is sold all over the world. The Volta River Project has made a 250 mile long lake, which gives plenty of water to the towns and industry. The huge dam and power station at Akosombo provides electricity for industry.

THE CHURCHES - It is probably true to say most Ghanaians follow traditional beliefs. About 1,750,000 are Christians. Of these about 583,000 are Roman Catholic with about the same number of Methodists and Presbyterians. There are 60,000 Anglicans. There are some Muslims expecially in the north.

LITTLEBOROUGH NEWS

Our good wishes go to Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Griffiths who are leaving Littleborough to take up residence in Rossendale. Mr. Griffiths has played a valuable part in the church as Secretary and Mrs. Griffiths was a Junior Church Teacher and Pulpit Supply Secretary.

The Church Meeting on July 31st made the following appointments:

Church Secretary: Mr. F.G. Simpson
(121 Calderbrook Road).

Church Treasurer: Mrs. P. Lightfoot
(5 Hollingworth Road).

Pulpit Supply Secretary:
Mrs. A. Merrick

Additional Authorised Person for the registration of Marriages: Mrs. K. Hill

The church is most grateful to these people for taking these responsibilities. Mr. Simpson's appointment as Secretary means his relinquishing responsibility in the Junior Church. People are urgently needed to take on teaching, and should contact Mrs. Joan Law or any of the teachers as soon as possible.

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The PILOTS' CAMP held at Barnston Dale from the 12th - 19th August was attended by 10 of the Littleborough children. Once again the various activities were thoroughly enjoyed, Elizabeth Leach winning the camp trophy.

(We're not sure what you did to earn it, but congratulations Elizabeth!)

showery weather did not deter the WOMEN'S GUILD when over 30 members enjoyed their recent trip to Hoylake and Southport. Mrs. A. Stott, the secretary, was responsible for all the efficient arrangements.

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Unfortunately the FAMILY CHURCH OUTING to Todmorden Park had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

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Our thanks to all who helped to raise £4 for the JUNIOR CHURCH at a COFFEE EVENING on Tuesday, 15th August. Christmas cards, calendars and gifts were on display and many orders were placed.

If you were unable to attend and wish to order, please contact Mrs. Lightfoot or Mrs, K. Hill who will be pleased to let you have a catalogue.

Enquiries as soon as possible please.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES will be held on Sunday, 24th September.

10.30 am: will include contributions from the Junior Church.

6.00 pm: The preacher will be Mr. J. Collinge of Castleton.

Gifts of fruit and flowers will be received on Saturday afternnon, 23rd September, when ladies are invited to help with the decoration of the church.

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The BUSY BEES will be buzzing at:
52 Petts Crescent
on
TUESDAY, 12th September.

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There will be a Junior Church Trip
to OLDHAM PANTOMIME on NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Mr. J. Nairn will present prizes
on PROMOTION SUNDAY 1st October.

WHOSE RING???

Two men stopped their car outside a village pub and went in for a drink. They asked the landlord whether anyone in the village had a black cat with a white ring round its neck.
'Yes,' he said, 'there's one in a cottage up the road.'
'Is it a very, very big cat?' asked the driver.
'No, just a kitten.'
'Well, is there a very big black dog with a white ring round its neck?'
'No, no dog,' said the landlord.
The driver turned to his friend.
'There' he said, 'it WAS the vicar we ran over!'

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LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

September

Sun. 3rd		Church Closed
Sun. 10th	10.30 am.	Mrs. Wilkinson (Castleton)
	6.00 pm.	Mrs. E. Gillon (Communion)
Mon. 11th	7.30 pm.	Final Meeting of RochdaleGroup of Congregational Churches at Milnrow.
Tues.12th		Busy Bees 'AT HOME' at 52 Petts Crescent)
Sun. 17th	10.30 am.	Mr. A. Cooper
Sun. 24th	10.30 am.	HARVEST FESTIVAL - Junior Church
	6.00 pm.	" Mr. J. Collinge
Mon. 25th	7.45 pm.	Church Meeting
Tues.26th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Auxiliary at Milton

October

Sun. 1st	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Lord (Promotion Sunday)
Tues. 3rd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild (Counc.Colligan)
Thur. 5th	3.30 pm.	United Reformed Church on B.B.C.2.

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Sept. 10th	Mrs. Cockcroft	Mrs. Holt
17th	Mrs. J. Schackleton	
24th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	
Oct. 1st	Mrs. Lightfoot	

OFFERTORIES

		Cash	Envelopes
July 23rd		£2.48	£ 9.62
30th		£2.68	£ 5.83
Aug. 6th		£1.25	£ 5.90
13th	am.	£3.37	£11.22
	pm.	£2.12	£ 6.83

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

Sept. 3rd	Church closed		
10th	Mrs. E. Crossley	Mr. Nairn	10.30
	Mr. J. Hill	Mr. Simpson	6.00
17th	Mrs. Stott	Mr. Beattie	
24th	Mr. Barker	Mr. Ingham	10.30
	Mr. E. Holt	Br. Booth	6.00
Oct. 1	Mrs. Hartley	Mr. H. Hill	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Sept.10th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Griffiths	6.00

COFFEE ROTA

Sept.10th	W. Spinks	A. Merrick
17th	D. Mallinson	J. Hobbs
24th	Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. B. Leach
Oct. 1st	Mrs. Allison	Mrs. J. Law
8th	Mrs. B. Holt	Mrs. L. Butterworth

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Sept. 3rd	No service	
10th	'The Young Church Learning' Acts 11: 1 -18	Elizabeth Leach
17th	'The Young Church Faces Peril' Acts 16: 16-25	Mrs. C. Hill
24th	'The Young Church Tells Its Secrets' Acts 4: 5 -13	Martin Law

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CHURCH DUTIES - ST. STEPHEN'S

FAMILY WORSHIP DOOR STEWARDS

Sept. 3rd	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
10th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mrs. F. Butterworth
17th	Mr. D. Fursey	Miss M. Wood
24th	Counc.J.Harrison	Counc. I. Royle
Oct. 1st	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins
8th	Mrs. F. Whitworth	Mrs. J. Duffy

DEACONS ROTA		PIANIST/ORGANIST
EVENING DOOR STEWARDS		EVENING WORSHIP
Sept. 3rd	NO EVENING SERVICE	
10th	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. D. Logan
17th	Mrs. M. Howarth	Mr. J. Emmott
24th	Mr. B. Clough	Mrs. C. Hey
Oct. 1st	Mr. K. Hey	
8th	Mr. R. Gillon	Mr. J. Emmott

COMMUNION ROTA

Sept. 10th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mrs. N. Settle
Oct. 1st	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mr. R. Gillon 8.30 a

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Sept. 3rd	Mrs. A. Wood	Mrs. Collins
10th	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. Greenhalgh
17th	Mrs. E. Garside	Mrs. J. Calow
24th	Mrs. A. Whitworth	Mrs. N. Settle
Oct. 1st	Mrs. D. Howarth	Mrs. M. Mellor
8th	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed are expected to find a suitable substitute.

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

September

Sun.	3rd	11.00 am.	Mr. R. Birtwistle
			NO EVENING SERVICE
	10th	11.00 am.	Mr. J.M. Farraday J.P.
		6.00 pm.	Mr. A. Roberts
			(Service of Word & Sacrament)
Mon.	11th	7.30 pm.	Final Meeting of Rochdale Group of Congregational churches at St. Stephen's
Wed.	13th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
Sat.	16th	4.00 - 5.00 pm.	Reception of Harvest Gifts.
Sun.	17th	11.00 am.	HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES Mr. W. Brisk
		6.00 pm.	Mr. D.S. Nuttall
Sun.	24th	11.00 am.	Mr. A. Roberts
		6.00 pm.	Mrs. J.B. Wilkinson (Castleton)
Tues.	26th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Auxiliary at Milton
Wed.	27th	8.00 pm.	Church Meeting

October

Sun.	1st		FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
		8.30 am.	Family Communion
		11.00 am)	Rev. J. Keith Ramage
		6.00 pm)	(Trinity Presbyterian Church)
Tues.	3rd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild - Fire Prevention

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Sept.	3rd	Mrs. A. Whitworth
	10th	Miss J. Reed
	17th	HARVEST
	24th	Mrs. D. Bruckshaw
Oct.	1st	Mrs. D. Hey

OFFERTORIES

	Cash			
	am.	pm.	Envelopes	Total
July	£18.42	£6.79	£87.23	£112.44

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